



WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING

13th DECEMBER 2018

MINUTES

Present: The Mayor, Cllr M Ashford, Cllr PS Birdi, Cllr Mrs L Bolton, Cllr Mrs D DaCruz, Cllr R Edgington, Cllr J Holland, Cllr Mrs MA Grainger, Cllr T Morris. WCC Cllr Mrs P Williams.

Section A Council

244. Apologies: It was resolved to accept the apologies from Cllr JP Bromley, Cllr Mrs C Cross, Cllr S Cross, Cllr G Guest, Cllr Mrs A Littlejohn, Cllr N Murphy and WDC Cllr N Butler.

245. Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Ashford, Cllr Mrs M A Grainger, Cllr Edgington and Cllr T Morris all declared an interest as District Councillors.

Cllr PS Birdi and Cllr J Holland declared an interest as a County Councillors.

246. Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th October 2018

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

247. Mayor's Announcements –

The Mayor summarised his recent Charity events – He would like to formally thank Ostrich Pink and Heapheys for their support with his Fashion show and Alderson House Players for the Murder Mystery night.

Cllr Mrs A Littlejohn for organising the Christmas Market, Cllr Mrs D DaCruz for support with the refreshments and Andy for being a great Father Christmas.

Formal thanks were given to the “Event of the Year” organised by St Mary’s Poppies Team – the fantastic and overwhelming Poppy display at St Mary’s Church.

Councillors were reminded about the Christmas concert to be held at St Mary’s on the 15th December.

Cllr PS Birdi thanked Mayor for all that he his doing for the local charities and also the Town Clerk and her team for the organisation of the events on Remembrance Day.

248. Reports to be received from District or County Councillors

WCC Cllr Mrs P Williams shared with Councillors statistics for the County, from the report she had received today from the Early Help Strategy. Cllr Mrs L Bolton asked for a breakdown for Warwick. It was felt to be a good document giving clear direction to Children's services across the County. An update on Highway projects was given and also a discussion held regarding Grit Bins. A location has not been agreed for the requested grit bins in the Town Centre. A location has been found for two at the Woodloes.

WCC Cllr PS Birdi – Budgets are being focused on at present. Funding has been announced for potholes and road maintenance across the County. He is reviewing progress with Europa Way roadworks working with the Officers on end to end reporting and finish times. Town Centre traffic plans are coming along and the New Secondary school plan has been reported.

Cllr T Morris shared his frustration about the ongoing sewage/drain issue outside the Giggling Squid asking for someone to take ownership for action. Seven Trent advised the Town Clerk that they are awaiting confirmation from the County.

WCC Cllr J Holland raised concern about the Town Council owning grit bins as they can be set fire too and the fact that we would need to budget for ongoing maintenance. Regarding the drain issue outside the Giggling Squid he advised that Seven Trent had the right to close the road for emergency works and it was not the County that was holding up works – he advised that MP Matt Western had written to Seven Trent about this matter and other issues in the County. The Town Clerk will contact his office for an update.

A meeting had been held regarding changes in the bus timetables due to come into effect in January 2019. A meeting with Stagecoach was planned in March 2019 to discuss future requirements.

Cllr R Edgington updated Councillors on the Buy2#Warwick campaign. The campaign was being well received and Councillors were encouraged to share posts on Social media. The next steps will be discussed at E & T in February 2019.

249. Reports of Plans Committee

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the planning meeting held on the 1st November and 6th December 2018.

Cllr Mrs M A Grainger thanked Councillors for attending WDC planning meetings to support objections.

250. Reports of Committees

It was resolved to accept the minutes for the committee meetings held this cycle

Allotments 19th November 2018

Community & Culture 22nd November 2018

251. To answer members questions

Cllr T Morris mentioned about the arrival of Travellers in Warwick. Action has been taken. Cllr J Holland stated that County and Police were fully aware and for Councillors and public to be encourage to liaise with them only.

Section B General Purposes

252. Public Question Time - none

253. Grant Application – Hill Close Gardens £5k – The Mayor gave a background to the application approved at Committee and Culture. Cllr Mrs MA Grainger pointed out that the grant was to be ringfenced for the two-year appointment of an Engagement Officer. It was resolved to approve the £5k in full.

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